



# ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS

**A Church of Blessing Encouragement & Praise**

## Order of Evening Prayer



This order of service has been prepared for use during the suspension of public worship enforced in response to the current public health emergency. We encourage you to use this as a basis for your own personal prayer and observance. Information about this week's lessons, psalms and collects can be found on our website: [www.stgilesonline.org](http://www.stgilesonline.org) or by [signing up to our mailing list](#).

Services at Saint Giles-in-the-Fields are drawn from the Book of Common Prayer. The present version dates from 1662, and draws heavily on the first English Prayer Books of 1549 and 1552, under King Edward VI. In common with most churches, the order includes variations which date from the first books, the proposed reforms of 1928, and other times in the Church of England's history since 1662. The order is consistent with the Church of England's Common Worship 2000.



# Evening Prayer

*The office of evening prayer, often called Evensong, is set out in the Book of Common Prayer. This order of service has been created to allow you to follow the service at home alongside the changing psalms, lessons and prayers set out in the prayer book. We encourage you to supplement the prayers with your own personal prayers.*

## ❖ An opening prayer ❖

O LORD, open thou my lips to bless thy holy name: cleanse also my heart from all vain, froward and wandering thoughts: enlighten my understanding, enkindle my affections, that I may be able worthily, attentively, and devoutly to offer this Service, and may be counted worthy to be heard in the presence of thy divine Majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ❖ Hymn ❖

*The appointed hymns are printed in this week's service sheet*

## ❖ Introduction ❖

DEARLY beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul.

## ❖ Collect for the 21 Sunday after Trinity ❖

*When there is no ordained minister present, this prayer is used in place of the confession and absolution.*

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## ❖Versicles and Responses❖

- Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.  
Answer And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.  
Priest O God, make speed to save us.  
Answer O Lord, make haste to help us.  
Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;  
Answer As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.  
Amen.  
Priest Praise ye the Lord.  
Answer The Lord's Name be praised.



## ❖The Psalm❖

*The psalm is read from the psalm appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.*

## ❖The First Lesson❖

*The first lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.*



## ❖The Magnificat❖

*The Magnificat is the song of the Blessed Virgin Mary from the Gospel according to Luke chapter 146, verse 55.*

MY soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

For behold from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name; And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud, in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath

sent empty away. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel. As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.



### ❖ **The Second Lesson** ❖

*The second lesson of scripture is read as appointed from the Book of Common Prayer.*



### ❖ **The Nunc Dimittis** ❖

*The Nunc Dimittis is the song of Simeon, to whom it had been revealed by the Holy Ghost that he should not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ, as recalled in the Gospel according to Luke Chapter 2, verses 29-32*

LORD now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace: according to thy word; For mine eyes have seen thy salvation: which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles: and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

### ❖ **The Apostles' Creed** ❖

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven. And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

### ❖ **Hymn** ❖

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## Prayers and Intercessions

Priest           The Lord be with you.

Answer          And with thy spirit.

Priest           Let us pray.

Priest           Lord, have mercy upon us.

Answer          Christ, have mercy upon us.

Priest           Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ❖The Lord's Prayer❖

OUR Father which art in heaven; Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done; In earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Priest           O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

Answer          And grant us thy salvation.

Priest           O Lord, save the Queen.

Answer          And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Priest           Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

Answer          And make thy chosen people joyful.

Priest           O Lord, save thy people.

Answer          And bless thine inheritance.

Priest           Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer          Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

Priest           O God, make clean our hearts within us

Answer          And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

### ❖ **The First Collect for the Day** ❖

*The first collect is read as appointed for the week from the Book of Common Prayer*

### ❖ **The Second Collect** ❖

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

### ❖ **The Third Collect, for aid against all perils** ❖

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ❖ **A Prayer for the Queen's Majesty** ❖

O LORD, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth: Most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lady, Queen ELIZABETH; and so replenish her with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that she may always incline to thy will, and walk in thy way. Endue her plentifully with heavenly gifts; grant her in health and wealth long to live; strengthen her that she may vanquish and overcome all her enemies; and finally after this life she may attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ❖ **A Prayer for the Clergy and People** ❖

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Bishops, and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### ❖ **A Prayer for all Conditions of men** ❖

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldest be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for the good estate of the Catholick Church; that it may be so guided and governed by thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those, who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind, body, or estate; [\*especially those for whom our prayers are desired at this time;] that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their several necessities, giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ his sake. Amen.

### ❖ **A prayer in time of sickness** ❖

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### ❖ **A General Thanksgiving** ❖

ALMIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, We thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, That our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

### ❖ **The Grace** ❖

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.



### ❖ **Hymn** ❖

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*Here endeth the Order of Evening Prayer throughout the Year.*